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Marlene Dortch, Commission's Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45 DA 06-2373

Dear Secretary;

I write concerning the petition for waiver of the FCC's so called "billing address" rule filed by Bristol Bay Cellular Partnership ("Bristol Bay Cellular") which is pending before the agency. Bristol Bay Cellular is a locally-owned and operated cellular telephone service provider that has been serving rural areas in Alaska for over 10 years.

It is our hope that if this waiver is granted, Bristol Bay Cellular will be able to realize the full amount of available high-cost support for its network as opposed to only the partial amount available without the granting of this waiver. This additional high-cost support will help Bristol Bay Cellular to expand facilities and bring vital affordable wireless telecommunications to the very sparsely populated low income rural areas of Bristol Bay Alaska. The Bristol Bay areas that will benefit from improved wireless services are predominately Alaska Native populations that have previously been underserved. Such service can be lifesaving for our homeowners and tenants who use cellular service when performing subsistence hunting and gathering in extreme arctic temperatures.

Bristol Bay Housing Authority supports these efforts and the proposed waiver in order that all residence of the Bristol Bay Region can receive previously unavailable enhanced advanced wireless telecommunication services.

Sincerely,

/s/

David E. McClure
Executive Director